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The following comments and observations were made before and during our community involvement presentation this morning:

1. Alan Steinberg, EPA - Mr. Steinberg referred to listing the Lower Passaic restoration on his seven goals for his tenure as Region 2 administrator, and he affirmed that his superiors agreed as well in making the Passaic restoration a priority. Clean-up will be difficult, and determination of financial liability will be difficult, but it must be made to prevent the public from shouldering the costs. River access must be increased, especially for disadvantaged populations who have frequently been cut off and deprived of access. In 2007, EPA Region 2 will release its Early Action plan for public comment. Already, 43 PRPs have settled over the issue of financing the Lower Passaic study.

2. Lisa Baron, NJ DOT/OMR - Ms. Baron mentioned the experimental technologies being piloted on the Lower Passaic (sediment washing, thermal decontamination). She also handed out a Future Use

questionnaire for local groups, municipalities, and counties to complete, and she invited meeting participants to attend the Passaic River Institute 2nd conference on October 13 at Montclair State University.

3. Alice Yeh, EPA - Ms. Yeh introduced the Superfund project process (evaluation of project versus 9 criteria, public comment, final determination of approach). She emphasized that the Lower Passaic Restoration community involvement phase needed to even-handedly introduce all reasonable alternatives, give their pros and cons, and then allow the public to openly debate them in an informed environment. Ms. Filippone agreed, stressing the idea of having the Lower Passaic issues divided into thematic groups (river use/human health and safety/costs), with separate groups attempting to evaluate the best approaches. Ms. Filippone noted the need for innovative solutions to provide cost-effective cleanup approaches, based on new technologies and research into dredge management methods. The problem would extend beyond the 7-mile lowest stretch of the Passaic, as well, to encompass at least the River up to and just over the Dundee Dam.

4. Ray Basso, EPA - Mr. Basso observed that the challenge of dredging lay in the issue of siting the handling and decontamination facilities for the dredged material, especially with the recent residential development along the River making the NIMBY ("Not in my backyard") response even stronger and louder than previous. He recommended that the Lower Passaic Restoration team make facility siting an early task. Ms. Filippone mentioned that an earlier facility site list had been compiled and that it should be researched for current applicability.

5. Jeanine McGregor, NJDEP - Ms. McGregor seconded the notion of the earlier site list being pulled out of the archives and re-examined. Ms. Filippone mentioned some sites she remembered being listed on Newark Bay and Staten Island, and she mentioned that future use and interim remediation studies should run in parallel to speed up the Restoration process as a whole.

6. Peter Weppeler, USACE - Mr. Weppeler asked if the Lower Passaic was being considered for special designation as a restoration area, to help streamline the permitting process, which is spread among different agencies. Ms. McGregor mentioned that NJ does designate brownfield areas for faster and coordinated permitting and that the Lower Passaic would receive similar consideration by NJ's various state agencies.